



YSGOL GYFUN
GWENT
IS COED

Adroddiad Blynyddol i rieni
Annual Report to parents
2022-2023

Pennaeth / Headteacher: Eirian Jones
Cadeirydd / Chair: Kate Olsen
Is-Gadeirydd / Vice-chair: Steve Denton

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Message from the Chair of Governors: Mrs Kate Olsen



Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am very pleased to write my first report as Chair of Ysgol Gwent Is-Coed, and what a year it's been! A year to celebrate success and to plan for the future.

The pupils and staff moved into the new building on Monday the 23rd of January. It is a lovely space and the learners show great respect for it. The building incorporates a state-of-the-art science block together with multi-purpose classrooms that can adapt to suit the needs of learners. The pupils also have an impressive hall which provides a wonderful space for learners to develop their performance skills.

The school continued to make strong progress towards the Curriculum for Wales. On the 27th of February, an INSET day was held in partnership with the cluster primary schools. All members of staff met YGGIC for the day. Classroom assistants received specialist training and the teachers worked on planning

the new curriculum focusing on progression and the learning continuum from one period to the next. The school's main focus was on Science and Technology, Humanities and Health and Wellbeing.

On the 26th of June, the Head and Deputy Head met with Ceri Jones from Estyn to discuss the progress made against the 5 recommendations and I am pleased to report that the team recognised the strong progress made by Mrs Eirian Jones and the team towards the recommendations. As a result of their vision, focus and motivation the school is no longer in Estyn review.

On behalf of the governing body, parents, carers and the wider community I would like to thank the team for their commitment and dedication to improving the school. As a result, we saw strong GCSE results. For the first year in the school's history we had 'A Level' results to celebrate, and what excellent results they were! Well done indeed to all the pupils and to every single member of the team who contributed to the outstanding outcomes.

The future looks very bright!

Kate Olsen (Chair of governors)

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Message from the headteacher: Mrs Eirian Jones



Dear Parent/Carer

It is a privilege and a pleasure to present this annual report to the school community following my third year here as Headteacher of Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed. The 2022-2023 academic year has been a great success with excellent exam results and the school coming out of Estyn review. It's been a busy and extraordinary year with the opening of the second half of the building and the opportunities provided by this including the performance of our first school production - Ysgol Roc. I believe that the school's work and activities have been rich and effective and I would like to thank the whole school community for their enthusiasm and readiness in continuing to work with me and offering support in all aspects of school life.

I would like to congratulate Year 11 and our first Year 13 on their impressive results in the external examinations held in Summer 2023. The capped 9 score for year 11 was 385 which was 10 points higher than the previous year. Results in the core subjects were excellent with 91% of year 11 learners gaining an A* - C in

Welsh Language, 81% in English Language, 89% in English Literature and 65% in mathematics numeracy. 44 of the year group have returned to school to carry on with their studies post-16 whilst all other learners have gone on to college or started apprenticeships. I wish all of them the best as they take the next steps in their journey.

Our A level results were also excellent with 40% of all grades at A* - A with 81% achieving an A* - C. All Year 13 learners who applied, succeeded in securing a place at their first choice of university. All results are extremely encouraging and a testament to the hard work of all learners and members of staff:

Following the Estyn inspection in May 2022 the school went into review with 5 recommendations. A robust and effective School Development Plan (SDP) was created in order to address the recommendations and to continue with the school improvement journey. All members of staff were fully engaged with the priorities for development in the SDP and we were able to demonstrate very good progress for each of the recommendations. This meant that we were able to come out of Estyn review in July 2023. I would like to thank all members of staff for their hard work and enthusiasm in ensuring that all priorities were met effectively and in such a short period of time. We are now continuing with the progress made by embedding good practice and implementing our vision in all aspects of school life.

On Monday the 23rd of January we moved into the second half of our building. This has had a

very positive impact on the day to day running of the school with a fabulous canteen and hall. We moved from having two breaks and lunchtimes to having one timetable with all learners having access to the large outside area. The hall is used every day for assemblies and other activities such as workshops, external speakers and performances. March saw our first school production, Ysgol Roc, being performed by learners from every year group in the hall. Large numbers of parents, carers and members of the public attended both evenings and the performances were a resounding success. The hall was also used by the cluster primary schools to perform their show Trysor Gwent in July. In the same month we had our first face to face school Eisteddfod with all learners taking part and having fun.

In September 2022, we welcomed a number of new staff to the school;

Brandon Corbett - Gwyddoniaeth/*Science*
 Miles Hermann - Dyniaethau/*Humanities*
 ANG/NQT
 Megan Phillips - Celf a Dylunio a
 Thechnoleg/*Art and Design Technology*
 ANG/NQT
 Ffion Edmonds - Saesneg/*English* ANG/NQT
 Megan Davies - Cymraeg/*Welsh* ANG/NQT
 Bethan Goldsmith - Cymraeg/*Welsh*
 RHG/GTP
 Adam Lavelle - Cynorthwydd
 dosbarth/*Teaching Assistant*
 Aimee Henson - Cynorthwydd
 dosbarth/*Teaching Assistant*

Staff who left;

Rhys Morgan – Music Lead
 Beth Jones – Chemistry Lead
 Beth Maldive-Davies – HLTA
 Alison Lowe – English
 Owen Jones - TA
 Amy Sefton - Examinations Officer

I would like to thank you as parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. I am confident that we can work together with increasing cooperation to continue with the excellent progress made and look forward to a successful 2023-2024.

Kind regards,

Eirian Jones (Headteacher).

Statement on external examinations

GCSE – Average capped point score – 385.19
 (target – 380)

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Interim Capped 9 Points Score	385.19
Average Points Literacy	45.02
Average Points Numeracy	38.11
Average Points Science	38.68
Average Points Skills	41.66

'A' level – A* - A – 40%
 A* - C – 81%

Parents' evenings

We were very pleased to welcome all parents back into school for face to face meetings, and held Parents' evenings for years 7 to 13.

ALN support

Mrs Rebecca Chadwick, the ALENCo, continues to lead the school in the implementation of the new ALN legislation, begun in January 2022. All learners from all year groups have now transitioned onto the system.

Access for Disabled Pupils

The governing body is mindful of the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DGSA) 1995 and the Special Needs and Disability Act (SENDA) 2005 in its daily actions and activities.

The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils are able to participate in the school curriculum and (if they wish) in activities such as after school clubs, leisure/sporting events and educational visits. All aspects of accessibility, including access to written information, are included in the planning process and the accessibility plan.



Extracurricular Activities

7/09/22 - Talk the Talk bl 12

15/09/22 - Hyfforddiant e-sgol bl 12 a 13
le-sgol training for years 12 and 13

22/09/22 - Taith Celfyddydau Mynegiannol i Lundain / *Expressive Arts excursion to London*

23/09/22 - Taith bl 7 Cymraeg a Celfyddydau Mynegiannol / *year 7 Welsh and Creative Arts excursion*

28/09/22 - Llangrannog bl7

28/09/22 - Fforwm rhieni/Parents' forum

1/10/22 - Taith Gogledd Cymru Cymraeg/*Welsh excursion to North Wales*

6/10/22 - Rookie rugby CA4

14/10/22 - Diwrnod Shw mae Su Mae

14/10/22 - Myfyrwyr blwyddyn 13 yn mynd i Ysgol Gynradd St Joe's/*Year 13 students go to St Joe's Primary School*

18/10/22 - Gweithdy Show Racism the Red Card blwyddyn 9/*Show Racism the Red Card workshop year 9*

19/10/22 - Prosiect Hwiangerddi bl 8/*Rap project year 8*

19/10/22 - Gweithdy Only Boys Aloud

20/10/22 - Taith blwyddyn 7 A Midsummer Night's Dream

21/10/22 - Diwrnod Dangos y Cerdyn Coch i Hiliaeth/*Show Racism the Red Card Day*

27/10/22 - Gweithdy Cyber Explorers bl7

28/10/22 - Taith Techniquet bl7

8/11/22 - Taith Saesneg a drama i weld Hamlet/*English and drama excursion to see Hamlet*

8/11/22 - Gweithdy Fearless

25/11/22 - Diwrnod Dathlu Cymreictod/*Celebrating Welshness Day*

30/11/22 - Fforwm rhieni/Parents' forum



8/12/22 - Diwrnod Siwmpwr Nadolig/Christmas Jumper Day

12/12/22 - Pythefnos Gwent Is Caredig

13/12/22 - gweithdy cyngor Eco "energy sparks"/Eco committee workshop

14/12/22 - seremoni gwobrwyo TGAU/GCSE presentation ceremony

15/12/22 - cyngerdd pontio rhithiwr/virtual transition concert

21/12/22 - noson carolau rhithiwr/virtual carol service

22/12/22 - cinio Nadolig/Christmas lunch

16-01-23 - sesiwn mentora Ieithoedd Rhyngwladol bl9/yr 9 International Languages mentoring

17-01-23 - gweithdy y Siartwyr/The Chartists workshop

19-01-23 - noson opsiynau bl9 rhithiwr/year 9 options evening virtual

25-01-23 - Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen/Saint Dwynwen Day

26-01-23 - gweithdy diogelwch wrth yrru bl12/safety whilst driving workshop year 12

27-01-23 - Diwrnod Cofio'r Holocaust/Holocaust Memorial Day

2-0-2-23 - Cystadleuaeth Siarad Cyhoeddus bl13/Year 13 Public Speaking Competition

2-02-23 - sesiwn Cyngor Ysgol gyda Senedd Cymru/Senedd Cymru session with School Council

8-02-23 - taith i stiwdio Urban Myths bl9/excursion to Urban Myths studio year 9

8-02-23 - fforwm rhieni/parents' forum

9-02-23 - noson opsiynau blwyddyn 11 rhithiwr/year 11 options evening virtual

9-02-23 - gweithdy Piece by Piece/Piece by Piece workshop

13-02-23 - Seren bl9/year 9 Seren

15/02/23 - Cyngor Ysgol - Cymwysterau Cymru/School Council - Qualifications Wales

17/02/23 - bore coffi ADY/ALN coffee morning

28/02/23 - Taith Aushwitz bl 12 ac 13/Aushwitz excursion years 12 and 13

28/02/23 - Gyrfa Cymru bl9/Year 9 Careers Wales

28/02/23 - Gweithdy Catalyst/Catalyst Workshop

1/03/23 a 2/03/23 - Sioe Gerdd Ysgol Roc/Ysgol Roc musical

2/03/23 - Rookie Rugby

3/03/23 - Sioe Taith yr Iaith/Taith yr Iaith production

3/03/23 - taith seicoleg/psychology excursion

7/03/23 - gweithgareddau Seren/Seren activities

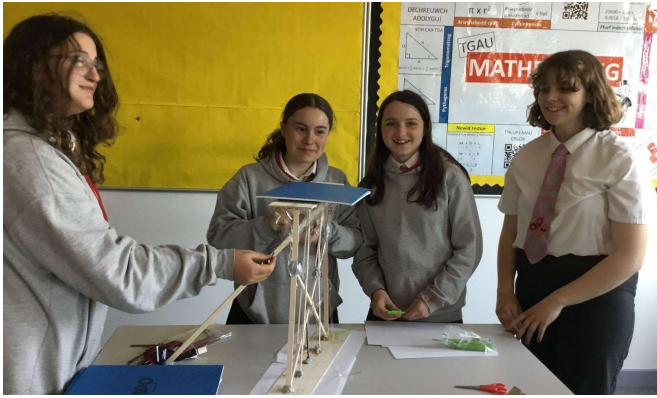
9/03/23 - taith Cymru, Ewrop a'r Byd i Pwll Mawr/Wales, Europe and the World excursion to Big Pit

9/03/23 - gweithdy Linking Languages

13/03/23 - bore ABCh Crucial Crew bl7/year 7 Crucial Crew PSE morning

16/03/23 - gweithdy Piece by Piece/Piece by Piece workshop

21/03/23 - ffair gyrfaoedd Moving On/careers fair



21/03/23 a 22/03/23 - twrnament rygbi Rosslyn Park

22/03/23 a 23/03/23 - gwyl rygbi SOHK/rugby festival

22/03/23 - gweithdy Theatr Ieuenctid Cenedlaethol/National Youth Theatre workshop

23/03/23 - Eisteddfod rhanbarth uwchradd

28-03-23 - rownd derfynol First Give/First Give final

18-04-23 - sesiwn gyrfaoedd gwyddonol bl7/year 7 scientific careers session

18-04-23 - ffair iechyd a gofal bl11/year 11 health and social care fair

25-04-23 - rownd cyn-derfynol siarad cyhoeddus yr Urdd/the Urdd public speaking semi-final

28-04-23 - taith bioleg bl12 ac 13/year 12 and 13 biology excursion

12-05-23 - gweithdy celfyddydau mynegiannol bl7/year expressive arts workshop

17-05-23 - gweithdy graffiti/graffiti workshop

24-05-23 - taith Lion King bl8/year 8 Lion King excursion

8-06-23 - seremoni gadael blwyddyn 11/year 11 leaving ceremony

21-06-23 - taith Catalyst Cymru i Brifysgol Rhydychen/Catalyst Cymru excursion to Oxford University

22-06-23 - diwrnod a noson pontio/transition day and evening

23-06-23 - diwrnod Balchder - Zoe Eyles-Vaughan (bl11) a Ceirios Bebb (bl13) wedi ennill cystadleuaeth addurno bws Casnewydd/Pride day - Zoe Eyles-Vaughan (bl11) a Ceirios Bebb (bl13) won a competition to decorate a Newport bus



26-06-23 - anwytho bl11/year 11 induction

27-06-23 - gweithdy CSI bl7/year 7 CSI workshop

29-06-23 - diwrnod hybu Cymreictod/celebrating Welshness day

29-06-23 - pwyllgor Eco - cynhadledd newid hinsawdd/Eco committee - climate change conference

5-07-23 - sioe cynradd Trysor Gwent/primary show Trysor Gwent

5-07-23 - gweithdy dyniaethau blwyddyn 7 (S4C yn ffilmio)/humanities workshop for year 7 (filming by S4C)

5-07-23 - 6-07-23 - gweithdy Hip Hop (ITV yn ffilmio)/Hip Hop workshop (filming by ITV)

6-07-23 - gweithdy Catalyst Cymru gydag Ysgol Llangynwyd ac Ysgol Cwm Rhymni/Catalyst Cymru workshop with Ysgol Llangynwyd and Ysgol Cwm Rhymni



10-07-23 - taith bl12 Caerfaddon/year 12 excursion to Bath

10-07-23 - diwrnod ABCh bl10/year 10 PSE day

11-07-23 - diwrnod ABCh blwyddyn 9 a 12/year 9 and 12 PSE day

14-07-23 - Eisteddfod Ysgol/School Eisteddfod

17-07-23 - 21-07-23 - Wythnos Weithgareddau/Activities Week

17-07-23 -20-07-23 - gweithgareddau BAC CA3/KS3 BAC activities

17-07-23 -20-07-23 - rownderi llysoedd/house rounders

17-07-23 - taith blwyddyn 8 acwariwm Bryste/year 8 excursion to the aquarium at Bristol

19-07-23 - taith blwyddyn 9 Thorpe Park/year 9 excursion to Thorpe Park

20-07-23 - taith blwyddyn 7 acwariwm Bryste/year 7 excursion to the aquarium at Bristol

20-07-23 - taith blwyddyn 10 i Ynys Y Bari/year 10 excursion to Barry Island

20-07-23 - taith blwyddyn 9 i'r senedd/year 9 excursion to the Senedd

21-07-23 - Mabolgampau yn Stadiwm Casnewydd/Sports Day at Newport Stadium

Transition Work

Our intention is to ensure that all learners start their time at Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed with the enthusiasm and willingness to develop further and to build on the progress they have already made during their time at Primary school. Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed and the Primary cluster have established an excellent partnership and we work very closely to share information and develop plans to ensure that the learners' initial experiences are happy and successful.

The following activities took place during 2022-2023:

- Two Parents' evenings at school
- An opportunity for all Year 6 learners to visit the school in June
- All Year 6 learners from our cluster Primaries took part in the 'Trysor Gwent' at Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed
- An opportunity for vulnerable learners to visit individually
- The Year 7 Wellbeing and Progress Lead and ALENCo visited all Primary schools
- Sharing of academic and pastoral information
- Transfer of Safeguarding and ALN information

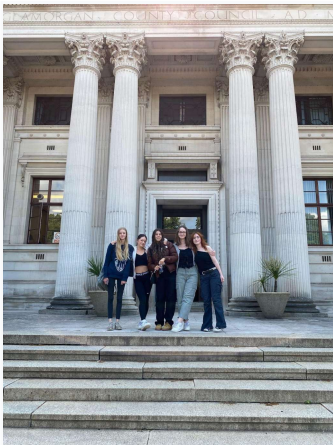
Attendance

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We are absolutely clear that learners learn best when they are at school, and during 2022-2023, following guidance and advice from the Local Authority, the school implemented the new cluster attendance policy. It is clear that the majority of our learners want to be at school, and appreciate the structure and social framework it provides, especially after the years of the pandemic and the lockdown periods. Our attendance for the year was 88.6%, which, while not attaining pre-pandemic rates, is encouraging and something for us to build on this year. We will continue to work to improve our attendance rates and work closely with parents, learners and the Local Authority to achieve this.

Site resources and facilities

The site has sufficient facilities for the current number of learners and staff. We were very pleased to open the second half of the new build in January 2023. Newport Norse is used for the cleaning and maintenance of the site and there is a cleaner on site all day, every day.



Toilet Facilities

There are toilet facilities available on every floor of the school, including toilets for learners, staff and toilets for the disabled. These are in good condition and are cleaned daily, throughout the day. All toilets have hot water, soap and hand drying facilities. These toilets are cleaned regularly by Newport Norse

cleaners. They are checked regularly by the site manager.

Healthy School

All Key Stage 3 learners have a one hour weekly 'CAD' lesson which contributes to our Health and Wellbeing and PSE provision. During these lessons, learners have received education on relevant themes such as healthy eating, healthy relationships and online safety. As part of our Wellbeing programme, Key Stage 4 learners receive rich experiences in the form of occasional workshops, usually delivered by specialist outside agencies. Water fountains are available in each corridor of the old building to refill water bottles.



Healthy eating

We promote healthy eating by encouraging learners to eat healthy snacks during the morning break, and a healthy lunch during lunchtime. We teach learners about the importance of eating a balanced diet through CAD, Science and Catering lessons. During the 2023 summer term, we consulted with the School Council in the updating and introduction of our Health Eating and Drinking Policy.

School uniform

In accordance with Welsh Government guidelines, a new school uniform policy was implemented following a full consultation with learners, parents and governors. An important

part of this is our uniform shop at school, which is available to all during Parents' Evenings and allocated dates.

Policies and procedures

The governing body reviews our policies and procedures throughout the academic year. A list of all the school's current policies can be seen on our website at www.gwentiscoed.cymru

The medium of the school

Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed is a designated Welsh secondary school for learners aged 11-18. It is run by Newport City Council and serves Newport and South Monmouthshire. Welsh is the official language of Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed and is the teaching and examination medium for all subjects except English. All pupils study Welsh as a core subject and all are examined in Welsh as a first language. Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed is an inclusive school. Under normal circumstances, admission to Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed is open to learners aged 11+ regardless of ability or need.

Our plans for the future and the School Development Plan

Strategic Priorities 2022-2023

Priority 1: Ensure more coherent provision for the development of pupils' reading, numeracy and digital competence skills.

Priority 2: Improving the attitude of a few of the learners towards their learning in a purposeful way.

Priority 3: Ensure that the provision challenges, extends and supports all learners so that they can make effective progress

Priority 4: Ensure that the provision for inclusion and learners' additional learning needs is strong

Priority 5: Skillfully increase leadership capacity to ensure that leaders across the school act more strategically in their areas of responsibility

Members of the Governing Body 2022-2023

Name	Type of governor	End of period
Mrs Eirian Jones	Headteacher	
Mrs Kate Olsen (C)	Rhiant/Parent	27.04.2025
Mrs Elin Maher	ALI/LEA	31.08.2024
Mr Steve Denton (VC until 12.07.2023)	Cymunedol/Community	15.05.2025
Mr John Harris	ALI/LEA	31.08.2024
Mr Chris Chapman	ALI/LEA	31.08.2024
Mrs Ruth Harris	Cymunedol/Community	15.05.2025
Mrs Nicola Crawley	Rhiant/Parent	27.04.2025
Mrs Jane Marshall	Rhiant/Parent	27.04.2025
Mr Geraint Davies	Cynrychiolydd athro/Teacher representative	01.11.2024
Mrs Rachel Morgan	Cynrychiolydd staff/Staff representative	14.03.2025
Mrs Abigail Williams	Swyddog Cyswllt heb bleidais	
Mrs Sharanne Basham-Pyke	Cymunedol/Community	29.11.24

Ms Elen Jones	Cymunedol/ Community	11.05.2025
Mr Andrew Phillips	Rhiant/Parent	01.09.2027
Mrs Jen Pollock	Rhiant/Parent	01.01.2028
Mr Owen Morse	Cynrychiolydd athro/Teacher representative	01.09.2027

Governors' Expenses

During the year 2022/23, no expenses were paid to any governors for their work for the school, nor were there any travel costs as a result of their activities on behalf of the school.

GCA challenge adviser:

Mike Davies May 2022-July 2023

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If you would like a copy of the school calendar or the latest prospectus, please contact the main office or visit our website at www.gwentiscoed.cymru.

Term dates and school holidays 2023 / 2024

Term	Start	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn	Fri 1 September 2023	Mon 30 October 2023	Fri 3 November 2023	Fri 22 December 2023
Spring	Mon 8 January 2024	Mon 12 February 2024	Fri 16 February 2024	Fri 22 March 2024
Summer	Mon 8 April 2024	Mon 27 May 2024	Fri 31 May 2024	Fri 19 July 2024

The school will be closed for six INSET days between Friday 1 September 2023 and 19 July 2024. The In-Service Training days are to be arranged by the school.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday: 24 March 2024

Easter Monday: 1 April 2024

May Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: 27 May 2024